



AN CANACH



President's Quarterly Message—Louis Russell

February 15, 2026

Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well and continuing to survive the winter blast! Depending on where you reside, this winter has been especially harsh. Here in central Iowa, we have been fortunate to miss much of the snow — and a few weeks in Arizona certainly helped break up the winter!

2026 Annual General Meeting

As a reminder, the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Florida in just a few weeks during the Panama City Beach Scottish Festival on March 6–7, 2026.

The meeting will begin at **4:00 PM EST** in a conference room at the TownePlace Suites by Marriott Panama City Beach Pier Park. A Clan Henderson Board meeting will convene immediately prior to the AGM.

Agenda

4:00 PM – Opening of the 2026 CHS Board Meeting

(All CHS members are welcome. Board members will vote on the following issues.)

- Review and approval of the 2026 CHS Budget
- Review and approval of the 2026 Slate of Officers
- Review and approval of conflict of interest statements
- Review and approval of a new position: VP Communications

4:15 PM – Opening of the 2026 CHS Annual General Meeting

- Review and vote on the 2026 Slate of Officers
- Update on the Henderson Stone Project
- Review of the CHS Scotland Trip

Discussion of locations for upcoming AGM meetings

5:00 PM – Final remarks and adjournment

If you are unable to attend in person, a Zoom link will be available on the CHS website:

<https://www.clanhendersonsociety.com/>

An Canach

The Clan Henderson Society's Executive Committee continually seeks ways to provide useful and efficient services to our membership. As part of this effort, we are working to reduce the costs asso-

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ciated with printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter, *An Canach*.

While we greatly value the newsletter, printing and mailing hard copies currently represent a significant portion of our annual budget. We want to ensure we are using Society resources wisely.

Our goal is to transition as many members as possible to receiving *An Canach* electronically. Many members already enjoy reading the newsletter on a computer, tablet, or e-reader, and some choose to print a copy at home if preferred.

We understand that not everyone has access to email or is comfortable reading electronic documents. Therefore, our plan for this year is to have a volunteer print and mail a limited number of newsletters to members who truly require a printed copy.

An effort is currently underway to contact members who receive printed copies to confirm whether an electronic version would be acceptable. If you receive an inquiry, please respond and let us know your preference.

Mid-South Regional Commissioner

Recently, Eric Owens resigned as Mid-South Regional Commissioner due to changes in personal circumstances. We sincerely appreciate Eric's leadership and contributions to Clan Henderson. Please join me in wishing him the very best and continued fellowship within our Society.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Jodie White has agreed to serve as the new Mid-South Regional Commissioner. Jodie resides in Lebanon, Tennessee, and has been a CHS member for six years. Her great-grandfather, a Henderson, migrated from North Carolina to homestead in Tennessee. Jodie was able to purchase her great-grandfather's cabin and now hosts annual family reunions there. Please join me in congratulating Jodie on her new position. We look forward to her leadership and continued service.

Thank you to everyone for helping keep the Clan Henderson Society vibrant and strong.

Sincerely,

Louis Russell

President

Clan Henderson Society

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BELATED NEWS APOLOGIES

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

October 18-19, 2025

By Suzanne Keifer

The 53rd annual Stone Mountain Games are in the books. By all accounts and my personal perspective, they were a success but also, dare I say, a bit less raucous than I remember from years past. Perhaps it had to do with the threat of thunderstorms Sunday morning that make folks leery about coming out. The severe thunderstorms fizzled out before reaching us and a brief mild drizzle was all we were subjected to. I remember someone calling it “Scottish sunshine” and the adage “There is no such thing as bad weather, only improper attire” were appropriate.



There was a record number of Clans attending – 107! Before I forget, we had angels descend on us Friday morning when we started to set up our tent. Keenan and Caddock Carter and Caddock’s friend Matthew arrived just as we started to unload a truck full of supplies. The tent has never been assembled with such speed and accuracy in all the years we’ve been convening games (close to 30 years). Those same angels along with Tyler Henderson and Demming Bass assisted with the tear down Sunday afternoon. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Speaking of Tyler, he was instilled as our newest member of Clan Henderson Bodyguard. Mary Lane Henderson is proud to announce that the Southeast region has the largest contingent of bodyguard in the society. (Woot-woot!) There to congratulate Tyler was Alan Henderson, Rick Kalk, Harry Keifer, Ed Hendricks, and High Commissioner David Henderson.



The Henderson Walkabout is always a huge success; I think the other Clans are really jealous... We were accompanied by representatives of the Knoxville Pipes and Drums. While their rendition of “Rocky Top” was excellent, I don’t know how well it was received as we’re smack in the middle of UGA’s “Dawg” country... Nevertheless, it was wonderful!

Lots of visitors, new friends and family stopped by and it was so good to catch up, see little ones who are growing up (too quickly – I’m talking to you Griffin and Thomas!) Maybe

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES CONTINUES



they'll be future bodyguards?? These games pass by too quickly and all of a sudden Sunday afternoon was there and we'll think about next year's Games.

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October 4, 2025 - Laurinburg, NC - Sunny skies and cool weather! The Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg was an event-filled day, and Clan Henderson

was there. We had seven Hendersons to come by the tent at the Historic John Blue House. Four were able to participate in the Parade of Tartans: Otis White, Jolyn Kendrick, Christina Henderson, and Kyle Henderson (convenor). The athletics, music, and cultural offerings were plentiful with a world record of 24 ft. being set in the 42-lb weight (for height)! And our own athlete, Christina Henderson, competed and won first in all her events (seven of them) and won overall as woman athlete of the day! Great job! And one former member renewed her membership (hooray Jolyn)! Meanwhile, any who lingered by the tent were offered a complimentary Scottish Empire Biscuit (even one of the performing musicians heard about the "biscuits" and came by to sample); and many passport books were stamped with the obliging instructional moments to talk about the "hand grasping the star." If you want to experience a well-run games event with up-close viewing and an easy-going atmosphere, these are the games in central Carolina to attend! Hope to see you there next year - the first Saturday in October.

NEW MEMBERS—WELCOME

Far South	5573	HENDERSON	Larry Glenn	Quinlan	TX	USA
South East	5574	HENDERSON	Tom	Huger	SC	USA
South East	5574	HENDERSON	Sue	Huger	SC	USA
Central	5575	HENDERSON	James	Winona	MN	USA
Oceania	5576	HENDERSON	Suzanne	Lincoln	Canterbury	NZ
Independent	5577	SEWELL	Kyra	St. Catharines	ON	CAN
North Pacific	5578	LEDEMAN	John	Seattle	WA	USA
North Pacific	5579	HENDERSON	Hannah Olivia	Helena	MT	USA
South East	5580	GILBERT	Ron	St Cloud	FL	USA
Independent	5581	HENDERSON	Karen	Verdun	QC	CAN
South East	5582	HENDERSON	Thomas	Clermont	FL	USA
South East	5583	RHINEHART	David	Fern Park	FL	USA
Mid South	5584	HENDERSON	Todd	Hoover	AL	USA

New Lifetime Memberships

5579	HENDERSON	Hannah Olivia	Helena	MT
2642	HENDERSON-STEVENSON	Madilyn	Tuckerton	NJ
2642	STEVENSON	Harry	Tuckerton	NJ

LONGEVITY PINS

						YRS
Central	152	HENDERSON	Jean	Lincoln	NE	35
South East	180	LOWE	Nancy Henderson	Lake Mary	FL	35
South Pacific	277	PHILLIPS, Jr.	Robert E.	Santa Rosa	CA	35
South East	2082	BASS	Demming	Marietta	GA	25
Far South	2532	SAWYERS	Steve	Post	TX	25
South East	2599	AKINS	James W.	Franklin	NC	25
Mid East	3766	HENDERSON, Jr.	Alfred C.	Wicomico Church	VA	15
North Pacific	3828	ERICKSON, Ph.D.	Dr. Sharon H.	Bozeman	MT	15
South West	5029	HENDERSON	Kenneth "Brad"	New Braunfels	TX	5
Great Lakes	5207	HENDERSON	Brenda	Ludlow Falls	OH	5

Clan Henderson South Pacific Regional



Christian Henderson South Pacific Regional Commissioner / CA Bodyguard,



Help us spread the word and you could WIN TWO TICKETS to see Highland Way in March! Click for more info.

San Diego Scottish Highland Games Celebrate 50th Anniversary in a New, More Accessible Location

San Diego, CA — The spirit of Scotland returns bigger than ever as the **50th Annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games** take place **Saturday and Sunday, June 20–21, 2026**, at a brand-new venue: **SDSU Mission Valley River Park**.



You're invited

Clan Henderson AGM 2026

Attention all Hendersons, MacEanruigs, Henrys, Cousins, et al

Event Details



Date: Mar 6-7, 2026

Location: Panama City
Beach, Florida

Games: a full schedule of
events at

Pcbscottishfestival.com

Lodging



Marriott Towne Place Suites,
Panama City Beach Pier
Park

\$159

If booked before Feb 8, 2026

Call: (850) 233-2311

Group Code: CLACLAB

Meet Your Henderson Cousins!

We look forward to seeing the Henderson Tartan flying High in Panama City Beach

Notes from Members

Member Rosalyn Perdue (#787) wrote to say that she is still here at 98½. She credits her genes, reporting that her great grandfather, Daniel Webster Henderson, lived to 108.

Member James Dunlap Henderson (#2603) wrote to mention the publication of his book of poetry, *Beneath the Buttermilk Sky*, issued under pen name J. Dunlap Henderson. In the book is the poem “Whilst These Earthly Paths I Still Tread” that honors poet Sir Robert Henderson (1430-1506), considered one of Scotland’s most important literary figures during the period of the Northern Renaissance. Sir Robert Henderson was his 14th Great Grandfather.

Member and former *An Canach* editor Beth Gay Freeman (#12) wrote a few months ago to say she is happy as a clam. She is learning to use an electric typewriter. She and her “Sweet Tom” celebrate their 19th anniversary this year, and enjoy eating lunch several times a week at their Senior Center. We later heard Beth’s health took a turn for the worse, so she is in our thoughts.

Do you have a Henderson genealogy query?

Just send it to

hendersonclannews@gmail.com

For inclusion in *An Canach*.

Here's the calendar for the SE Region. Mary Lane

March 6 Clan Henderson AGM

**March 7 Panama City Beach Scottish Games Phil Embry
Panama City Beach, FL**

March 13-15 St Augustine Celtic Heritage Festival Convener Needed
St Augustine, FL

March Tartan Day South Highland Games
Columbia, SC

April 11 Dunedin Celtic Games Convener Needed
Dunedin, FL

April 18&19 LochNorman Highland Games Harry & Suzanne Keifer
Huntersville, NC

April Ormond Beach Celtic Festival Dan & Judy Henderson
Ormond Beach, FL

May 2 Savannah Scottish Games Leon & Ann Hicks
Savannah, Ga

May 22 Great Scots Parade Greenville Scots
Greenville, SC

May 23 Greenville Scottish Games Rick & Fran Kalk
Greenville, SC

May 30 Port City Highland Games
Wilmington, NC

June 19-21 Taste of Scotland & Celtic Games
Franklin, NC

June 6&7 Georgia Mtn Scottish Games Alan B Henderson
Hiawassee, Ga

July 9-12 **Grandfather** Mtn Highland Games Convener Needed
Linville, NC
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Volunteer

Grandfather needs a Volunteer! The registration has been made! Now, we need someone to set up before the games start everyday. Ed, Jan and I will bring supplies! We will need help packing up. I have ordered a ticket for the volunteer for the four days. Contact me at - marylanehenderson1@gmail.com



Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Know ye all Kinsmen present

Induction into the

Order of The Chief

of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on

Erin Dearing

In recognition of her contributions to our Clan, our Society and overall traditions of Scottish culture. She has been especially supportive of the Charleston Scottish games, CHS members in that area and highland dancers and their programs. Clan Henderson is well served by her enthusiasm and dedication.




Suzanne Henderson Emerson
VP, Members


Louis Russell
President


Mark Henderson
2025 Awards Committee



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Induction into the

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Is hereby bestowed on

Paul Dearing

In recognition of his contributions to our Clan, our Society and the overall traditions of Scottish culture. Paul has been especially supportive of the Charleston Scottish games and his devotion to Clan Henderson and for all things Scottish is a tribute for others to emulate.




Suzanne Henderson Emerson
VP, Members


Louis Russell
President


Mark Henderson
2025 Awards Committee



Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Know ye all Kinsmen present

Induction into the

Order of The Chief

of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on

Deborah P. Kline

in recognition of her many years of steadfast commitment as a volunteer with the Scottish Society of Charleston, SC. Her winning personality, welcoming attitude and unselfish demeanor has set the standard for Scottish-American hospitality and is admired by all.




Suzanne Henderson Emerson
VP, Members


Louis Russell
President


Mark Henderson
2025 Awards Committee

2026 Leader Roster

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a two (2) year term. C

President	Russell	Louis	Ankeny	IA	
Past President	HICKS	Leon	Southport	NC	
Recording Secretary	HOFFMAN	Sue	Mabank	TX	
Treasurer	FOSSER	Carol	Clarksburg	MA	
VP-Genealogy	LAMBERSON	Greg	Mt. Vernon	IL	
VP-General Counsel	HENDERSON II	Vincent	Little Rock	AR	
VP-Members	EMERSON	Suzanne	San Carlos	CA	
VP-Operations	HENDERSON	Mark	Waynesboro	VA	

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (RC)

RCs are commissioned by the High Commissioner & Chieftain. An RC serves until he/she resigns or is released of his/her commission.

Central	SCOUGAL	William	Sunrise Beach	MO	IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD
Far South	HENDRICKS	Linda	Oklahoma City	OK	AR, OK, TX
Great Lakes	Vacant *contact VP, Operations for more information				IL, IN, MI, OH, WI
Mid East	Vacant *contact VP, Operations for more information				DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV
Mid South	WHITE	Jodie	Lebanon	TN	AL, LA, KY, MS, TN
North East	POLLINI	J. Michael	Newport	NH	CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT
North Pacific	HENDERSON	Joyce	East Helena	MT	AK, ID, MT, OR, WA
Oceania (AUS-NZ)	HENDERSON	Jeff	Mount Evelyn	VIC	Australia, New Zealand, Oceania
Scotland (UK)	Vacant *contact VP, Operations for more information				
South East	HENDERSON	Mary Lane	Cross Hill	SC	FL, GA, NC, SC
South Pacific	HENDERSON	Christian	Murrieta	CA	CA, HI, NV
South West	Vacant *contact VP, Operations for more information				AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY

OES DANA

Oes Dana is a collective group of specialists who fill vital roles within the Society. They are appointed by the CHS President and serve at his/her pleasure.

Colonel of the Body Guard	KEIFER	Harry J.	Lilburn	GA	
Chair, Awards	HENDERSON	Mark	Waynesboro	VA	
Chair, Nominations	HICKS	Leon	Southport	NC	
Chair, Scholarships	TRAWICK	Audrey	New Port Richey	FL	
Chief of Chaplains	HENDERSON	Dr. Daniel Charles	Leesburg	FL	
Director, Athletics	Vacant *contact VP, Operations for more information				
Director, Communications	ERICKSON	Eric A.	Bozeman	MT	
Director, DNA Admin	HENDERSON	David	Hanover	NH	
Director, Events Admin	BEIROA	Loiso	Santiago de Compostela	ESP	
Director, Youth Activities	TRAWICK	Audrey	New Port Richey	FL	
Historian	Vacant *contact VP, Operations for more information				
Piper	DODWORTH	Graeme	Falls Church	VA	
Quartermaster (QM)	GERMAN	Laura	Bethany	OK	
Website Administrator	EMERSON	Katherine	Philadelphia	PA	

Clan Henderson Endowment Fund

Louis Russell

I am pleased to report that the Clan Henderson Endowment Fund has now surpassed **\$72,000** in assets. As a reminder, our goal is to reach **\$125,000**, at which point investment returns will help fund the annual CHS Scholarships and reduce the financial burden on the Society's annual operating budget. We are making steady and meaningful progress.

Recently, the Executive Committee met with our financial advisor, Issabella Brunke, to review CHS investments and discuss our long-term investment strategy. I am happy to report that our investments remain consistent with the CHS Investment Policy, and since inception, the portfolio has achieved a blended return of approximately **9%**.

During our discussion, Issabella offered several suggestions for members who may be considering a donation to CHS. These giving strategies may provide potential tax advantages:

Ways to Give

- **Highly Appreciated Stock**

Donors may transfer appreciated stock directly to CHS by instructing their broker to send the shares. Because the stock is transferred rather than sold, the donor may avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation, and the asset simply transfers off their balance sheet.

- **Retirement Account Contributions (IRA and Other Qualified Accounts)**

Once you reach age **70½**, you may donate directly from certain retirement accounts, including your IRA. These qualified charitable distributions may be excluded from taxable income.

Additionally, once you reach the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age— currently **73 for most individuals** — charitable donations from retirement accounts can be used to satisfy your RMD requirement. This strategy may help reduce taxable income, potentially lowering Medicare premiums or overall tax liability.

For those wishing to learn more, Fidelity Charitable provides helpful educational summaries regarding donations of retirement assets and appreciated stock (note that these materials are informational and not specific endorsements):

- **Donating Retirement Assets to Charity**

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/philanthropy/donating-retirement-assets-to-charity.html#:~:text=Donating%20during%20your%20lifetime:%20In,exclusions%20and%20considerations%20as%20well.>

- **Donating Stock to Charity**

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/giving-account/what-you-can-donate/donating-stock-to-charity.html>

Thanks to everyone's continued generosity and support, we are strengthening the financial foundation of CHS and helping ensure a secure future for the Society and its scholarship program.

Please note: This information is provided for educational purposes only and does not constitute professional tax advice. Members should consult their personal tax advisor or financial professional regarding how charitable contributions may affect their individual tax situation.



The mist is clearing over Loch Norman, the pipes are tuning up, and the heavy athletes are ready to rumble. This isn't just a weekend event; it's a thunderous celebration of Scottish soul!



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